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ANOTHER UNLICENSED VIRGINIA BROADCAST STATION SHUT-DOWN

The FCC's Field Operations Bureau, in a coordinated effort with its monitoring network and enforcement staff from the Norfolk Office, shut-down another unlicensed "pirate" broadcast station in Virginia at 5:20 p.m. on February 18, 1990. Harold B. Hausenfluck of Richmond, Virginia, was fined \$1000 for illegally operating a broadcast station on 7425 kHz, a frequency which is allocated to the International Fixed Public Radio Service. His unlicensed broadcast station had been identifying both as "HILLBILLY RADIO" and "OLDIE GOLDIE RADIO." The program content consisted of music and talk.

Richard M. Smith, Chief of Field Operations Bureau, stated on Monday, "We consider unauthorized radio operations to be a serious matter. We will aggressively identify and penalize individuals who violate the Commission's rules."

Unauthorized operation of a radio transmitter is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act, as amended. Sanctions may include administrative fines of up to \$10,000 and/or criminal penalties of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year. Such misuse of radio frequencies is a serious offense because of its potential for interfering with safety-of-life services such as aviation, marine and law enforcement.

For further information contact Public Affairs Specialist Colleen McNeely at (804) 441-6472.

Dear Mr. Zeller:

The broadcast you described was, indeed,
a genuine FCC broadcast. Attached is our Public
Notice describing our action.

Sincerely,
Dennis J. Smith
FCC
FCC
(202) 632-6300

A great one from the collection of George Zeller. . . . A "QSL"
from the FCC for their on-air closing announcement made when
they busted pirate station WHBH

The Managing Editor's Page

By Harry Helms

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There is really not much more to say about the events of September 11 that hasn't already been said by others. As someone who lived almost seven years in Manhattan—first at 77 Bleecker St., and later 205 Third Ave—the images were especially shocking and hit close to home. I used to love the view of the World Trade Center from the intersection of MacDougal and Bleecker streets in the Village, and I still can't believe I will never see that sight again. While I usually kid around when I write, I say with all the sincerity I can muster that I hope the bastards responsible will very soon undergo slow, agonizing, and horrific deaths.

On a brighter note, I have set up an automated mail list through Topica.com for ACE members and other interested in pirate, clandestine, and illegal radio. It's spam free and I'm moderating the list. Find out about pirate loggings and other news via e-mail within minutes! To join, simply send a BLANK e-mail to: PirateRadio-subscribe@topica.com. That's all you need! I hope this will prove to be a way for ACE members and others to stay in touch between monthly bulletins. Please spread the word about this new list!

Is there anyone that would like to receive this bulletin via e-mail in addition to print? If there is enough interest, I can create either a .PDF or plain text version of each month's bulletin for ACE members only. If you'd like to receive an e-mail version, let me know!

You may have read the news about Ana Belen Montes, the Defense Intelligence Agency analyst arrested recently on charges of spying for Cuba. The FBI affidavit in support of her arrest warrant gave details on how she received instructions from Cuba as five-digit number groups transmitted over shortwave radio. To read the full affidavit, visit www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/Montes_092101.pdf.

Remember to listen for pirates this Halloween and report what you hear!

Harry

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LATE LOGS

KIPM (Elkhorn)

- 08/12/01, 0630, 6950U – "The Clockwork" and "He Who Shrank." Swap to 6900. (JS-NSW 443)

Mystery Science Radio (A.C.E.)

- 08/12/01, 1230-1250, 6949U – Andy Kaufman tribute show. Slightly distorted modulation. (Pse QSL JS-NSW 444)

WAIR (Unknown)

- 08/12/01, 1250-1321, 6950U – All Indie Radio. Tribute to the "Grandfather of Indie Music" – Neil Young. Mellow mix ending with Apu-like voice trying to wake Rob J. (Pun on AIR?) (Pse QSL JS-NSW 444)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Alfa Lima International (Hoogveen)

- 09/01/01, 2252-2318, 15070A – our host Alfred with Pirate station DX tips, QSL information and mention of Rich D'Angelo and Dan Henderson. (RD-PA)

Bandonica & Radio Enterprise

(bandonica@freemail.nl/radioenterprise@hotmail.com)

- 08/26/01, 0408-0440, 11485A – mix – oldies "Young Girl", "Dizzy", "Only In America". (RD-PA)

Classic Rock Radio (classicrockradio@hotmail.com)

- 09/02/01, 0430-0530, 7470A – mix – classic rock. Frequent IDs, giving of Hoogveen drop address and email address. (RD-PA)(JS-NE)

Jolly Roger Radio (jr_radio@hotmail.com)

- 09/02/01, 0006-0120, 6239A – mix – C&W, Bluegrass, Jazz, Folk and Elvis. Prerecorded show, clear "Jolly Roger Radio" ID at 0144. Song "I Met A Preacher" at 0110. (RC-MA 222)

Radio Borderhunter (Baarle-Hertog)

- 09/07/01, 2324-0038, 1575A – mix – "Summertime Blues", "Convoy", "Great Balls Of Fire", "We Love The Pirate Stations", Techno. OM announcer commenting on the local weather, being stationed in Germany and referring to email from SE PA. (RC-MA 444)(RD-PA)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Boredom Radio (Unknown)

- 09/02/01, 0312-0317*, 6947U – mix – Techno-Pop. YL announcer (with British accent) gave frequency as 6947.19 kHz. (WT-IL 133)(AF 222)

Crunch Radio (FRN/ACE)

- 08/26/01, 0259-0400*, 6955A – mix – orchestral and classical. Crunch Radio High Fidelity AM IDs. (GM-CT 333)(AF 232)(Pse QSL DC-IN 434)

East Coast Beer Drinker (Blue Ridge Summit)

- 09/16/01, 0232-0305*, 6958U – mix – "God Bless America", "This Is The Army, Mister Brown". Tonight's beverages are Bass Ale and Mike's Lemonade, Mr. Manly and high school reunions. (AF 444)(CL-MA 343)

He Man Radio (Providence)

- 09/16/01, 0249-0305*, 6958U – mix – 40's band. Talk about South Park and reruns. Mister Manly skit. Off with "God Bless America". (GM-CT 434)

KRAQ (Unknown)

- 09/16/01, 0240-0305+, 6945A – comments about Westerns, possibly a live show? (Pse QSL JS-NE)

KRMI (krmi6955@hotmail.com)

- 08/27/01, 0209, 6955U – just caught the ID at the end followed by listener comments. (AF 333)
- 09/03/01, 0412-0455, 6955U – mx – Go-Gos. Comedy, "I don't think I like you any more" and the "Wreck Of The Barbie Ferrari". Op says xmitter located in Port Huron, MI. (Pse QSL AF 433) (Al particularly enjoyed this one!)(GZ-OH 343)(Pse QSL DC-IN 322)
- 09/03/01, 0545-0610*, 6955U – mx – Black Sabbath, "The Wreck Of The Barbie Ferrari", "I Got Sunshine In A Bag", the classic Gilligan words set to "Stairway To Heaven". (AF 333)

KY Radio (Unknown)

- 09/16/01, 0240-0243*, 6955U – snorts, grunts, "Oh yeah!"s and so forth. ID at 0241 indicates that the station is related to, shall we say, alternative lifestyles. (GZ-OH 343) (Sounds to me like these boys need lessons in clear diction from someone like Jimmy Da Weasel if'n you ask me!)

Radio 3 (A.C.E.)

- 09/02/01, 0247-0311*, 6955U – host Sal Ammoniac with odd music, various IDs and a "3 Rock" slogan. (GZ-OH 343)

Radio Bingo (radiobingo@chek.com)

- 08/25/01, 0147, 6955A – "Shining Star", very noisy condx. (AF 111)
- 09/03/01, 0155, 6953A – mx – "Driver's Seat", "Shining Star", "Turning Japanese". (AF 534)

Radio Doomsday (Used to be Providence when Kirk was with us. Can anyone suggest one for these memorial shows?)

- 09/01/01, 0326-0415*, 6955U – tips on IDing interval signals and elusive stations. Church parodies, bad singing and "Everyone's favorite – North Korea!", gave Sweden drop and email addresses. (AF 433)(RD-PA)

Radio Kaos (Unknown)

- 09/11/01, 0243-0315, 6955U – mx – Airplane, Stones, Cheap Trick and Dire Straits. Hum on audio. (AF 545)(JS-NE)

Sycko Radio (None confirmed)

- 08/24/01, 0158, 6950U – "We want Sycko", "Mister Sycko will blow you away." (AF 333)
- 08/25/01, 0244-0320, 6955U – "Voodoo Roller", U2. (JS-NE 322)(AF 332)(Al also wrote "very vile atmosphere in the shack" – not sure if he meant that Sycko said it or if he (Al) has been eating the leguminous veggies?)
- 08/26/01, *0212-0246*, 6955U – mx – rock. Several IDs given along with email address. The politics of dancing. (GM-CT 434)(GZ-OH 454)(AF 333)
- 08/27/01, 0101, 6955U – "Welcome to the Shortwave Files." (AF 433)
- 09/04/01, 0342-0355, 6955U – DY Sycko with quotes from the NY Times. (JS-NE 433)
- 09/05/01, 0334, 6955U – mx – described as "weird and angry". Sycko playing with mixer, echo on audio didn't help deciphering a weak signal. (AF 242)
- 09/16/01, 0245+, 6955U – conversation with another op. (GM-CT 434)
- 09/16/01, 0355-0415, 6966U – mx – "Sounds from the Underground." Kicking back and mentioning many emails from L.Cee. (JS-NE)
- 09/16/01, 0508-0534, 6955U – "Operation Tomorrow" sci-fi drama. (JS-NE)
- 09/19/01, 0106, 6955U – "Tales of new dimensions in time and space". (The Ray Bradbury story, probably the X Minus One version – Lee) (AF 444)

United Patriot Militia Bingo Radio (yahwehradio6955@yahoo.com)

- 08/25/01, 0148-0221+, 6955A – mx – Beatles, Hendrix. Bingo games, Yahweh Radio and the honeyed tones of Jimmy Da Weasel. (GM-CT 131)
- 09/03/01, 0156-0249*, 6952A – host Ron Jacobs with a broken bingo ball machine and a prayer for DXers and Pirates. Also prizes such as \$2,000 and a set of fatigues. (CL-MA 333)(GZ-OH 454)(JS-NE 333)

WHYP (Providence)

- 09/02/01, 0045-0057, 6950A – mx – surfer guitar music. Low modulation. (WT-IL 122)
- 09/02/01, 0154, 6955L – Captain Ganja, Sal Ammoniac and Juliette hosting. A tribute to Radio Doomsday and the International Croquet (Croquette) Tournament. (AF 444)
- 09/02/01, 2324-2344*, mx – rock. WHYP IDs, few JB sounds. (GZ-OH 454)
- 09/11/01, 0311, 6953A – mx – "Turning Japanese", "She Blinded Me With Science". (AF 232)
- 09/13/01, 2243-2300*, 6953A – mx – "Der Kommissar", "Tell Me Something Good". (AF 433)
- 09/16/01, 0300-0350*, 6953A – mx – "America The Beautiful", "Rock In America". JB with a patriotic theme. (CL-MA 444)(AF 131)(Pse QSL DC-IN 433)(GM-CT 434)(JS-NE 433)
- 09/16/01, 1438-1527*, 6953A – patriotic mx. Grandma Brownyard reading the news. (GZ-OH 343)(BF-PA)
- 09/16/01, 2107-2134*, 6953A – the incomparable James Brownyard with music by Thomas Dolby, Hank Williams and others. (BF-PA)
- 09/16/01, *2205-2248*, 6953A – repeat of the earlier show. (AF 433)(GZ-OH 343)(BF-PA)

WMFQ (Providence)

- 08/29/01, 0150-0215*, 6955L – mx – Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder. (AF 333)

WVDA (wvdapirate@yahoo.com)

- 09/16/01, 0515-0534*, 6955U – a drama about sending someone to the moon. (GZ-OH 242)

Z100 (bigz100fm@yahoo.com)

- 09/03/01, 2337-0021*, 6950U – mx – "I'll Be Around", "Heat Wave", "Shambala", "Magic Carpet Ride". Professionally produced jingles. (AF 242)(GZ-OH 242)(DC-IN 424)(JS-NE)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

Radio Mauser (Trenton – very old drop)

- 09/02/01, 0155-0230*, 6955U – mx – instrumental. Skit for the "Psychotic Friends Hotline". Modulation solid but voice copy weak (?!?!?) so IDs uncertain. (GZ-OH 343) (Mauser used to have the following drop – P.O. Box 55553, Trenton, NJ 08638. Probably just a relay of an old tape but it'll only cost ya 34 cents to find out for sure.....)

UNID

- 08/30/01, 0125-0132, 6955A – mx – "Run for your Life", I Dig a Pony." (AF 422)
- 09/01/01, 0142-0155*, 6955U – mx – rap. Audio loops, "Lift Up Your Hands", "There it is", SOS in CW. (AF 322)
- 09/02/01, 0144, 6945CW – possible CW Pirate. (WT-IL 133)"I'm not fluent in Morse!")
- 09/02/01, 0400, 6953CW – station unknown, seemed to be a CW conversation. (AF 343)
- 09/02/01, 0302, 6960A – MCW "637" repeated over and over. (AF 545)
- 09/02/01, 2335, 6950A – mx – pop. Overmodulated. (WT-IL 253)
- 09/03/01, 1535-1550+, 6955A – mx – rock. OM announcer. Very weak. (GZ-OH 242)
- 09/03/01, 2141-2150*, 6950U – mx – Techno/Industrial. Blue language. (AF 322)(WT-IL 154)
- 09/03/01, 2152-2210+, 15795A – mx – rock. OM announcer, apparently a foreign Pirate. Too weak for solid ID. (GZ-OH 242)
- 09/04/01, 0305, 6953A – mx – rock. (WT-IL 143)
- 09/11/01, 0224-0235, 6955U – mx – "Games People Play", "One Toke Over The Line". Whistling, "Can anyone hear me?" on intermittently. (AF 333)
- 09/16/01, 0045-0047, 6956U – mx – 30's, 40's. Whistling "How do I sound?" (AF 333)(GM-CT 434)
- 09/16/01, 0249, 6954CW – fast CW, seems like regular text. (AF 333)

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RAMBLINGS

Well, I took a look at the original 'Ramblings' text and just trashed it..... There's not much to say, given the terrible tragedies at the World Trade Center and Pentagon..... These are strange days we live in.

PROPAGATION

With the recent events in the world, I'm going to assume that at least a few readers will be looking to hear what's going on in Europe and the Middle East. With that in mind, here are some graphs for the best times and MUF (Maximum Usable Frequency) for listening to Europe and the nearer/farther Middle East. You use this as a rough guide as to what the best frequencies are for a given time of day. If you choose to monitor frequencies about four fifths of the predicted MUF you shouldn't go too far wrong.

VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: October 19th.

A slim column this month. Hopefully things will pick up in the near future. Many thanks to Joe Filipkowski-RI and Paul Lerner-NY

THE DIRECTORY

This listing of maildrop addresses needs to be updated as there are lots of stations on there that are long gone. The revised version will appear in November. All you pirate ops: get those revised addresses in ASAP!

ALL YOUR BASES RADIO. Email verie in three days signed by Cats for report to the Free Radio Network. [Lerner-NY]

FREE RADIO SERVICE-HOLLAND. 9297, Full data card and personal letter in 6 months. [Lobdell-MA]

VOICE OF THE ANGRY BASTARD. Full data red card in one month for report to the Free Radio Network. [Lerner-NY] Full data red card #25 in 2.5 months signed by Pig Meat. [Filipkowski-RI]

Free Radio Service Holland

International music radio on 41/48 M.

To: Chris Lobdell
Time: 05:45 - 06:11 UTC
Date: May 18 25th 2001
Frequency: 9297 kHz
Sinp: 222 (sic)
Power: 150W
Aerial: 1/2 wave dipole

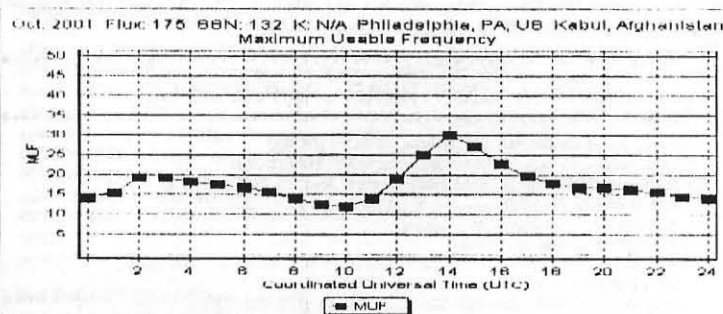
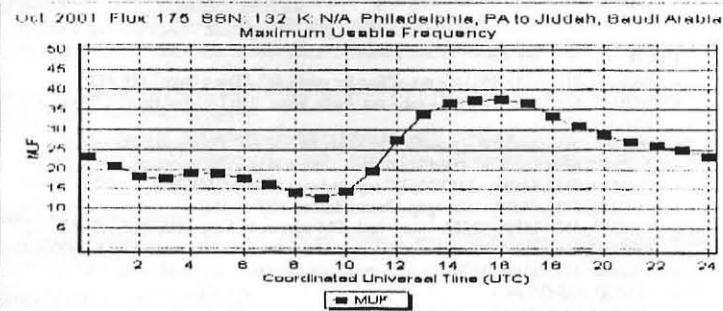
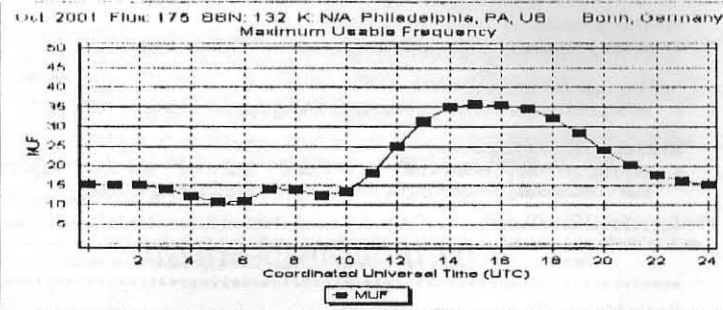
THANKS FOR YOUR RECEPTION REPORT AND KEEP LISTENING!



LA VOZ DEL CID
Cuba Independiente y Democrática
CERTIFICADO DE SINTONIA

A Harry S. Helms
QUIEN NOS SINTONIZO EL DIA 5-18-92
DE LAS 15:00 GME. A LAS 15:00 HRS. 9297 kHz
EN LA ONDA DE 41/48 M. FREQ. 9297 kHz

Another classic clandestine QSL from the collection of Harry Helms.



QSL received by the lovely and talented Harry Helms for reception on May, 18, 1966 on 1157 kHz. This famous anti-Castro clandestine was located on Swan Island, as indicated location on this card.

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2100 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@nacs.net address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

AFGHANISTAN CLANDESTINES

It is obviously not business as usual right now. As I write this column, the President of the United States has declared that the USA is at war against world terrorism. Events are developing at an incredible pace, and certainly things will have happened between the time that I write this and the time when you receive your copy of *The ACE*. Despite this handicap, it seems almost definite that the USA will be taking military action against the Taliban in Afghanistan because they harbor international terrorists. The retaliation is obviously in response to the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York City by two hijacked airplanes, severe damage to the Pentagon building in Washington, DC by a third hijacked airplane, and the crash of a fourth hijacked airplane between Bedford and Somerset in Pennsylvania. Hence, all eyes are on Afghanistan and other countries in the Middle East and Asian region.

The Taliban are still not recognized by nearly all world countries with the notable exception of Pakistan, despite the fact that they militarily control about 95% of the country. Hence, radio stations controlled by the Taliban are still considered clandestine stations by most DXers.

At a time like this, the first thing to remember from a clandestine DX perspective is the [clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) web site. It remains an incredible resource for detailed information on clandestine stations worldwide, including those in Afghanistan. For those who have misplaced it, the <http://www.clandestineradio.com/> URL for this site is absolutely essential right now. At <http://www.clandestineradio.com/intel/afghanistan.htm> you will find a detailed discussion of current clandestine radio activity associated with Afghanistan. A trip to this site is now an essential exercise for every ACE member.

In *Clandestine Radio Watch* special supplement 79e, Nick Grace reported as early as September 13 that military planning against strategic targets in Afghanistan was underway in Washington, DC. He also noted that the Voice of Shari'a of Balkh Province, Mazar-e Sharif, relaying the main Taliban station, via BBC Monitoring, announced that Afghanistan was willing to turn over Osama bin Laden to an unspecified Islamic court as soon as the USA provided "clear and substantial evidence for what it considers Osama to be responsible for."

Nick also notes that the Voice of Shari'a, Kabul has recently been on a highly variable frequency of 7085, 7088, and thereabouts. The schedule is listed as 0100-0300 UTC in Pashto and Dari, 1500-1530 UTC in an unknown language with the last ten minutes possibly in English, 1530-1710 UTC in unknown languages, with the last twenty minutes in Russian. The station ID translates into English as the Voice of Islamic Law.

You don't have to be a propagation expert to realize that the two hour broadcast at 1500 UTC in the 40 meter ham CW band has absolutely no chance of propagating to the Western Hemisphere. In fact, the 0100 UTC transmission is going to be extremely difficult DX in this part of the world. Making matters worse, this broadcast has even

proven difficult for BBCMS to hear via remote sites. Bob Wilkner of Florida via DXplorer noted a September 16 Reuters report that Afghanistan's Taliban Mullah Mohammad Omar spoke on Shari'a Radio September 15, but that BBCMS had "poor reception." The Mullah "urged Muslims there and around the world to face the threat of U. S. attack firmly and prepare for jihad (holy war) to defend their faith."

In CRW, Nick Grace accurately suggested that it is likely that Shari'a Radio may not be on the air much longer. During military operations, radio stations are often among the first targets. In the mean time, if anybody miraculously hears Shari'a Radio on 40 meters at 0100 UTC, we will of course be acutely interested in the logging. Let us know.

Per clandestineradio.com, there is a second Afghanistan station with a clandestine history. Takhar Radio is actually based in Pakistan, but the transmitter formerly broadcast Radio Afghanistan and the Voice of Free Tajikistan during the mid to late 1990's. It is now run by the Taliban and is called Radio Voice of Shari'a of Takhar Province. This one shows scattered loggings on 7070v kHz (variable all the way from 7000 to 7085). The most recent of these suggest that there may be a one hour broadcast at 0230 UTC. This generated some loggings on a scattered basis over the last couple of years. Good luck on this one. Of course, it could be possible that the same Pakistan transmitter might be used for broadcasts by multiple Taliban stations, just as stations like WWCN carry a number of programs in the USA. According to CRW, this station is operated by Burhanuddin Rabbani of the Jamiat-e-Islami group.

A fair conclusion is that like the Colombian rebels, the Taliban have failed to invest in a decent international broadcasting service that will put a signal into North America. We shall see if this situation continues as the war develops.

UNITED PATRIOT RADIO

United Patriot Radio continues to smash its record as the longest-running domestic clandestine with a United States target area and a United States transmitter. They remain on the air most nights, generally on 6900 kHz USB from Kentucky with a very widely heard signal. I monitored them after the terrorist attacks on the USA and found a curious pattern. During the first day or two after the attacks, the station continued its contrarian "patriot" orientation that was very much against the conventional wisdom. They spent 15 minutes one night citing "patriot" structural engineers saying that it was impossible for the World Trade Center towers to collapse following an airplane crash. They therefore concluded that there also were bombs inside the building. This analysis was contradicted by many dozens of engineers who were shown on all major USA television networks. The mainstream engineers all attributed the collapse to weakened structural steel from the intense fires inside the towers.

But, by the end of the week, United Patriot Radio did a 180 degree turn. The contrarian material disappeared. It became clear that this emergency was just the sort of thing that the patriot movement had been waiting for. The "militia" was placed on full alert, with 6900 kHz designated as the frequency for dissemination of patriot announcements. On September 15 they announced that they were going to operate a 24 hour a day service, on 6900 kHz until 0400 UTC, switching to 3260 kHz after 0400. This was a short lived policy, since I did not notice them on the air at all on the evening of September 16. Programming continues to be a mix of satellite program feeds and local United Patriot Radio productions. Some of the satellite programs are announcing the 6900 UPR relay. Their message currently is that the purpose of the militia is to protect the property of Americans. So, this operation probably deserves a check occasionally, particularly under the current conditions of genuine national emergency in the United States.

OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN NEWS

Since I'm writing this before any late September developments on the world stage, I need to remind us that Afghanistan is not the only part of the world that has suddenly become

crucial. There are many other Middle Eastern countries that will be at the forefront of USA policies as the war develops. You can always check clandestineradio.com to refresh your memory about any fresh trouble spots. But, we know for certain that Iraq is bound to be one of them. Our old acquaintance Saddam Hussein has already issued statements blaming the United States for its own terrorist attacks.

Bud Stacey forwarded a British *Guardian* newspaper report in late August indicating that Liberty TV, a satellite service operated by the Iraqi National Congress and other USA-funded groups, anticipated going on the air in early September. One hour programs of news and discussion, allegedly including film shot clandestinely within Iraq, are being aired. The station, with a budget of \$84 million, uses a transponder on the Telstar 12 satellite. Radio Free Europe was quoted in the report suggesting that Saddam Hussein was unlikely to allow more than tiny fractions of the Iraqi population to operate satellite dishes to pick up the shows. Thus, RFE contends that radio is a better clandestine broadcasting medium. RFE is right, of course.

BIAFRA

Under normal circumstances, the return of Biafra to the world of clandestine radio would be extremely big news. But, under this month's circumstances, we are burying this fact fairly deep down in the column. Veteran DXers will remember ancient clandestines of the 1960's that were associated with this Nigerian Province's succession civil war. Biafra is now back on the clandestine radio airwaves. Numerous North American loggings of the Voice of Biafra International have been circulating widely. The station's 12150 kHz frequency normally operates between 1900-2000 UTC. Interval signals from the Voice of Russia are often heard on this frequency before and after the Biafra program, creating widespread speculation that this one could be using a Russian transmitter.

The operations seems well coordinated and financed at this time. An internet URL at <http://www.biafraland.com> provides more information about the goals behind the station. It also provides a biafraland@biafraland.com e-mail address, as well as a postal address for mailed correspondence at Voice of Biafra International, 733 15th Street, North West, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005.

The Biafran clandestine is considerably easier to hear than the Afghanistan stations, so a check of their 25 meter frequency is obviously warranted.

KIRK BAXTER

Last night I had dinner with Kirk Baxter, who many of us remember as an extremely important force in the history of *The ACE*. Kirk was President and Publisher of ACE for many years as a replacement for our founder Darren Leno. Kirk also edited the DiaLogs column for several years while he simultaneously published the bulletin. I joked with Kirk that I was going to print that he delayed the production of this ACE column. But, I instead report that Kirk provided valuable background material. He reports that he is now settled in with his new Ohio job, and that he hopes to resume activity in ACE shortly.

THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. We thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Bud Stacey (Alabama), Tom Sevart (Kansas), Kirk Baxter (Ohio), Harald Kuhl (Germany), Jerry Coatsworth (Ontario), and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by October 15 for the November *Clandestine Profile*.



Covert Comms

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By now we've all heard of the terrible tragedy of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC. I sat in shock and horror that Tuesday morning watching the images on TV, not believing such a thing could happen.

One of the questions in the SWL community that came up was, has anyone noticed any increase or other change in numbers station activity before or since the terrorist attacks. The general consensus is that there has been no appreciable difference in numbers activity. This does certainly appear to be a strange occurrence, since one would think that intelligence agencies would be passing enormous amounts of traffic to their agents.

One thing that we can assume about "normal" numbers traffic is that most messages are dummy messages, or message groups sent to cover the lack of normal traffic and to make the enemy waste time on decryption efforts.

The E3 "Lincolnshire Poacher" station (as well as her sister station E4 "Cherry Ripe") send numerous messages on a daily basis, each consisting of 200 groups. It's hard to imagine that every message is a valid message. This is one way to hide messages, as opposed to remaining silent until a high number of messages need to be sent. Anyone attempting traffic analysis won't notice anything different. Lincolnshire Poacher is located in Cyprus, broadcasting presumably to agents in the Middle East.

Since all the evidence points to Mideastern terrorists, it may be worth keeping an ear on number stations broadcasting to/from the Middle East in the near future. There's no guarantee that there will be any difference in message traffic, but it's worth looking out for.

Lincolnshire Poacher (E3) - As noted earlier, LP is located on Cyprus and believed to be broadcasting to agents in the Middle East. Frequencies used are 5746, 6959, 8464, 9251, 10426, 11545, 12603, 13375, 14487, 15682, 16084, 16314, and 16475 kHz. Transmissions are normally used on parallel frequencies. Different frequencies are used at different times of the year. Messages are always 200 groups long, each group sent twice.

4XZ (M22) - 4XZ is listed as Haifa Naval, Israel. Supposedly this station is used to transmit messages in CW to Israeli naval vessels, but transmissions are always one-way broadcasts consisting of 5L groups. Occasionally some Hebrew plaintext is noted. Most of the time the VVV DE 4XZ marker is sent. Messages are sent at random times. Message numbers in the preamble are sent backwards. Frequencies used are 5911, 6920, 6417, 9256, 10046, 12984, 16317, 17050, and 18481 kHz.

Mossad (E10) - The Mossad stations consist of a female voice reading 5L message groups consisting of international phonetics. Messages are sent twice. Various callups are used on different frequencies, and callups with a "2" after the three-digit call mean that no message will be sent. Occasionally, message strings will be sent in place of messages. For example, I once heard one of the stations repeating SYN28P14F553. One can only guess what these strings mean. Some E10 frequencies used are 4560, 4880, 6840, 6912, 10125, 10352, 12950, 14750, 15980, 17170, 17410, and 19715 kHz.

In closing, I would like to say that my thoughts & prayers go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in the recent tragedy.

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